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SUBJ: PIRES RETURNS TO TIMOR

1. LISBON PRESS REPORTS THAT GOVERNOR LEMOS PIRES OF TIMOR ARRIVED IN DILI MARCH 19 AFTER CONSULTATIONS IN PORTUGAL AND JAKARTA. IN AIRPORT STATEMENT, PIRES SAID IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED IN LISBON THAT LOCAL POLITICAL PARTY PARTICIPATION IN THE TIMOR GOVERNMENT IS AN URGENT MATTER AND MUST BE INSTITUTIONALIZED. PIRES ADDED THAT GOP PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES PLEDGED GOP DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT WILL OF TIMORESE TO BE RESPECTED.

2. FROM BRIEF STOPOVER IN JAKARTA, PIRES SAID GOI AND GOP AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT TIMORESE WISHES MUST BE RESPECTED, DISPELLED "MYTH" OF INDONESIAN INVASION, AND DECIDED TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS AMONG TIMORESE PEOPLE. PIRES ALSO SAID HE CONFERRED WITH GOVERNOR EL TARI IN KUPANG, CAPITAL OF INDONESIAN TIMOR, FOR "MUTUAL CLARIFICATION."

3. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS TOLD US THAT GOP MINISTER OF INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION ALMEIDA SANTOS AND MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO VITOR ALVES HELD SECRET MEETING WITH SUHARTO
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